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SHEETING INCLUDING A SCREENED HOT-MELT

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CLAIM OF PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicant in the above-identified application hereby claims the right of priority in connection with Title 35 U.S.C. §119 and in support thereof will submit, in due course, a certified copy of German Patent Application No. 101 01 664.6, filed on January 16, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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